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CHRISTIAN CERTAINTIES

II Tim. 1:8-13

INT:

"Being a Christian is the most wonderful experience of this life!" / Why? Friendship with Jesus. J. 14:15... 15:14.

Chr. enjoy all promises of Christ. Peace-John 14:27. Fellowship. Matt. 28:18-20. Comfort-Heb. 13:5 and Hope-John 14:1-3. All gives meaning to life, purpose

Real life is within.

Look at non-Christian world: Wars, tensions, recessions, racial conflicts, economic scandals, pol. upheavals. World, without Christ, produces weaklings, doubters and fearful men. Men without faith, hope or real love.

REFRESHING to hear from a man who is a Spiritual Giant and one calm, contented and courageous; PAUL!

I. PAUL STRONGLY CONFIDENT ABOUT FOUR GRAND ISSUES OF LIFE

1. Knew his Leader intimately. II Tim. 1:12.
2. Knew his success a certainty. Romans 8:28.
3. Knew there was a better life. II Cor. 5:1-2.
4. Knew his Reward was sure. I Cor. 15:58.

II. MAIN SECRET OF PAUL'S CALMNESS AND CONTENTMENT.

- A. Knew his Leader implicitly. II Tim. 1:12.
 1. Met Him face to face on the road. Acts 9:5.
- B. We need a more personal experience with Jesus!!! How
 1. Know Him better through the Word. II Tim. 2:15.
 2. Know Him better through the Work. Col. 3:17, 23.

Ill. Work essential. Jockey's limerick to his race horses. Roses red, violets blue etc.

 3. Through spiritual worship. Matt. 18:20.
 4. Through prayer to God. Matt. 18:19.
- C. True Christian life a great evangelistic power!!!

Ill. Catholic woman impressed by calmness of member of Lisbon C. of C. member. Phil. 4:6, 11, 13.

→ Ill. Old North Carolinian grandmother during storm. "Just God letting us know He's still up there, He's still boss and all is well on earth."
- D. Same attitude taken by Paul. II Tim. 4:7-8.

INV.

Non-Christians letting greatest blessings of this life pass them by. No need! B-R-C-B.

Erring children losing peace of mind and security for sin. Flee the consequences of sin. R-P.

Visiting brethren: Looking for warm, friendly, loving family of Christians? What we're trying to be. Christ invites you to come!